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154 to read the article code on the cassette may be due to the bar code having been removed from the cassette, **insertion of an improper cassette**, or simply due to the bar code having been obscured for some reason. In any event, cassettes returned to the machine within case 30 which cannot be identified by the machine are kept and stored in the machine, and problems caused thereby are to be handled personally by the system operator. In such situations, the customer is provided with a receipt by printer 21 providing information regarding the system operator and advising the customer to contact same.

From this excerpt, Morello et al. is understood as not registering the placement of a particular parcel, but only those that are *proper* (that is, among articles known to the system). Thus, a videocassette may be returned to any one of a number of machines in a network of vending machines, registration of such articles is only if they are "proper," that is, a cassette that is expected to have been inserted in the first place. No such constraint exists in the claimed parcel delivery method, which as noted concerns a distinct methodology in which the carrier has the ability to access the secure receptacle, place the parcel within the accessed secure receptacle, and secure the secure receptacle after placing the parcel within the secure receptacle.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Section 103(a) rejections are requested.

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The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if she perceives of a basis for resolving any outstanding issues.

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